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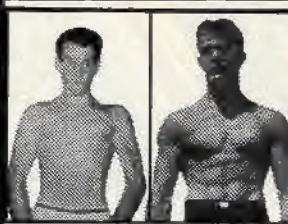
Tired of Being 'SKINNY'?

DRINK ON POUNDS OF WEIGHT FAST—THE FUN WAY!



GAINS OF UP TO A POUND A DAY PROVEN BY THOUSANDS

IT'S DELICIOUS! IT'S WILD! The new taste-sensation "CRASH-WEIGHT GAINING PLAN" developed by Joe Weider, "Trainer of Champions", "Architect of Beauty" helps you drink on pounds... UP TO A POUND A DAY easily and enjoyably while you rest... relax... watch TV... sleep. Men, women and children... see measurable gains instantly and say goodbye to your skinny, undesirable string-bean body... NOW!



BEFORE AFTER

GAINS 18 LBS. IN 14 DAYS!

The "before" photo shows how Larry Chamiel looked without the added weight he needed so badly. The "after" photo shows Larry 14 days after he started the Crash-Weight Plan and gained 18 pounds. He writes: "What more could a guy ask for? All I did was add 4 glasses of Crash Weight Formula #7 to my regular meals, follow Joe Weider's Plan and I gained a tremendous 18 pounds in two weeks!"

SHOULDN'T THIS HAPPEN TO YOU?

James Parker of Ft. Worth, Texas writes: "It's Fantastic—I went from 158 to 172 pounds in 14 days. Gained 14 pounds in 14 days and added 2 inches to my chest. I'm more than satisfied!"

SHOULDN'T THIS HAPPEN TO YOU?

BEFORE AFTER

HERE'S LIVING PROOF IT WORKS—

FAST Used with amazing results by tens of thousands of men, women and children for more than 7 years! Now, you too can take this guaranteed way to build up your caloric intake for fast and substantial weight gains!



IT'S NEW!
IT'S HERE! JOIN THE WEIGHT GAINABLES! DRINK ON POUNDS-FAST! SAFELY!

DO-IT-YOURSELF GAIN-A- POUND- A-DAY KIT!



This is a 1-day supply of Crash-Weight, check full of weight-gaining nutrients that can smash the weight-gaining barrier!

You want to gain a pound a day? Half a pound a day? Maybe you just want to add a few pounds here and there? You want... easily... enjoyably... without stuffing yourself and counting calories?

NOW YOU CAN

It's simply wild... AND IT WORKS!

You too can follow this amazing Crash-Weight Formula #7 Plan and drink on as much as a pound a day... Skinny people are undesirable... they look sickly. Say goodbye to your string-bean looks with this sensational new plan—NOW!

No more bleating yourself with rich, heavy foods to force-feed calories into your system. Drink 4 delicious glasses of natural-organic Crash-Weight Formula #7 daily in addition to your regular meals. Follow Crash Weight Plan as directed in the free booklet and you can drink on (in delicious, milk-shake tasting form) mixed with usual household food ingredients, up to 3500 calories along with your regular calorie intake. Then, take it easy... while you relax, snooze or watch TV... this calorie-packed weight-training drink and the Formula #7 Plan does all the work, piling on weight for you.

MONEY BACK GUARANTEE COUPON

JOE WEIDER Dept. 43-884
531-32nd Street
Union City, N. J. 07087

Dear Joe:

I want to join the WEIGHT-GAINABLES. Enclosed find \$..... for your Crash Weight Formula #7 Plan which I have checked below. I understand your Money Back Guarantee applies only if I order my Plan through this coupon! Check one of the Plans below:

- 7-Day Supply of Crash Weight
 #7 Plan \$ 7.50
 14-Day Supply of Crash Weight
 #7 Plan \$14.98
Check flavor desired: Chocolate Vanilla

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP.....

(Please print clearly)

X-MEN

THE MOST UNUSUAL FIGHTING TEAM OF TIME!

FACE IT, LITTLE LORNA...YOU'RE A WASH-OUT!
IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN A COSTUME, GREEN CURLS, AND A NEW APARTMENT IN MANHATTAN...

...TO PEP UP THOSE FADING MAGNETIC POWERS OF YOURS!

KAASH

GREAT, LEADEN FOOT-
STEPS... APPROACH-
ING FROM TWO
SIDES...

BAM
BAM
BAM

"BAM
BAM
BAM"

WHAT'S THAT??

PREPARE
YOURSELF,
MUTANT

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BUT, THERE IS NONE TO ANSWER LORNA DANE'S STARTLED PLEA... NONE TO HEAR HER CRY ECHO THRU DAWN-STREAKED CORRIDORS...

AS, HALF A PLANET AWAY, IN A LAND WHERE ONCE THE PHARAOHS REIGNED THE STARTLED X-MEN STAND RINGED IN DISBELIEF AROUND A CIRCLE OF DESTRUCTION...

IT TOOK AN ARMY OF SLAVES DECADES TO BUILD THAT ANCIENT TEMPLE...

BUT IT WAS SHATTERED...
...IN THE TWINKLING
OF A GNAT'S EYELASH!

SHATTERED
BY THE POWER OF
ONE MAN,
ANGEL...

ALEX
SUMMERS
...MY
BROTHER!

WITH THE GOOD RIGHT ARM OF
TOM PALMER, INKER
AND BOTH LEFT HANDS OF
SAM ROSEN, LETTERER

STAN PRESENTS A
MUTANT MASTER-
WORK BY... **ROY THOMAS** and **NEAL ADAMS**
SCRIPTER ARTIST



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These packets were put together from huge collections started many years ago, containing most types of coins. For only \$1 you may find:

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Thousands packed, ready to mail "grab-bag" style. Send your \$1 today. You may find:

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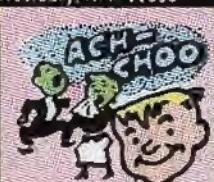
SUPER SMOKE SCREEN
Lights easily. Creates a huge column of thick white smoke that rises and expands into a dense cloud. Used for Tricks, T.V., Movies and Stage stunts. Sensational, surprising effect.
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[] No. 128 31.95



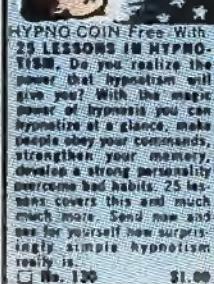
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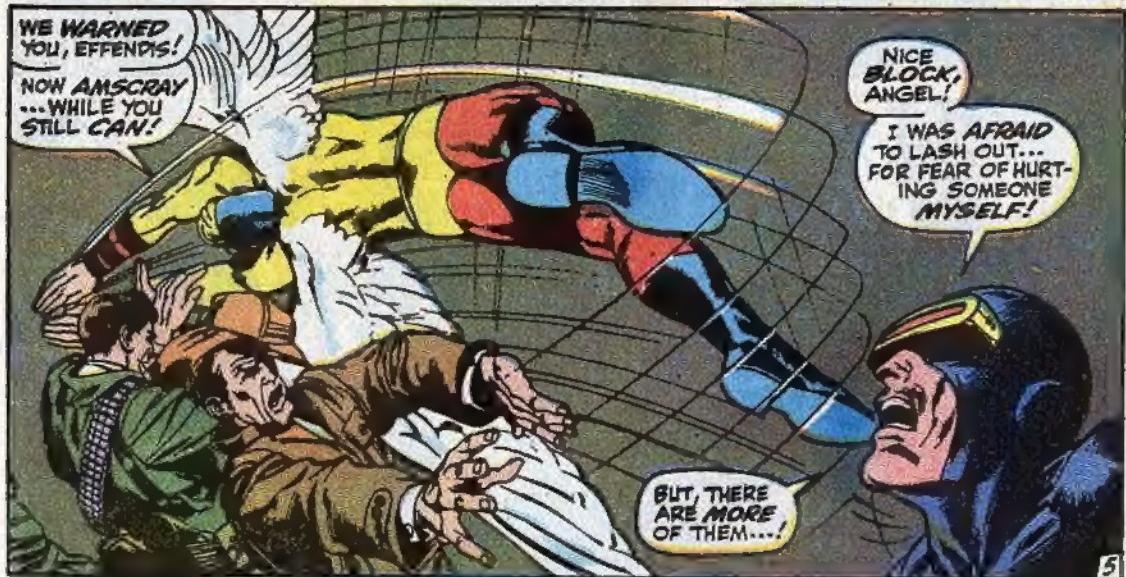
Total Enclosed

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(print)

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____





FOR SHAME, DAUNTLESS LEADER!

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THE BATTLE-BRED BEAST?

NO, HANK MCCOY
...BUT IN THE ENSUING FRAZER
AND THE X-MEN ALL BUT FORGET
THE LONE, FLEETING FIGURE
WHICH STREAKS OFF ACROSS THE
DUNES, UNTIL--

CYKE... I CAN'T FIND ALEX!

HE'S SPLIT... WHILE WE'VE BEEN FIGHTING!

OH NO!
THAT CRAZY,
CONFUSED KID!

CHOK!

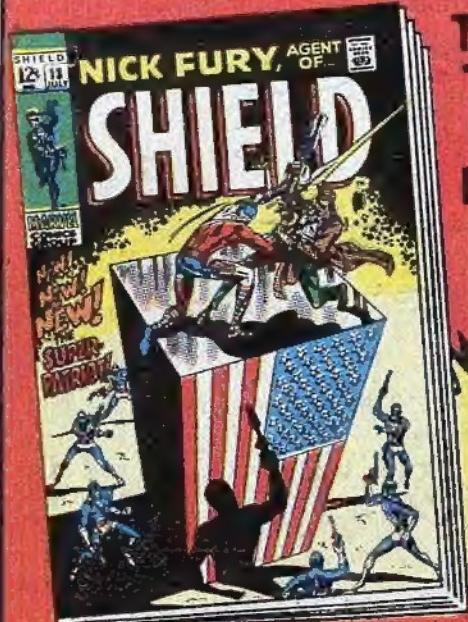
YOU!!
YOU CAMEL-JOCKEYS DID THIS!

IT'S YOUR FAULT HE'S GONE... YOU WHO DROVE HIM OFF!

VRAAP!

I WAS HOLDING BACK BEFORE... AFRAID OF WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN! BUT NOW... THE GLOVES ARE OFF!

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TWO MORE
TRIUMPHS FOR
MARVEL...

NOW
ON
SALE!
WOOHOO!



IT'S BRAND NEW!!!
MARVEL'S SWINGIN'
INFLATABLE
PLASTIC PILLOWS!

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\$1.50
PLUS 15¢
POSTAGE
AND
HANDLING

I'D LIKE SPIDER-MAN PILLOWS.
I'D LIKE THOR PILLOWS.
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MARCHING SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP KIT!**

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NAME

ADDRESS

CITY STATE

ZIP

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CHECK OR MONEY
ORDER ONLY!**



ADD 20¢ EXTRA FOR EACH CANADIAN AND EUROPEAN ORDER! ALLOW 3 TO 4 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY!



Don Bolander, M.A., University of Chicago; B.S., Northwestern University; Director of Career Institute; authority on adult education

Shamed by Your English?

You can soon speak and write like a college graduate if you let me help you for 15 minutes a day.

If you've ever been shamed by a mistake in English, maybe I can save you from years of disappointment.

I have met countless numbers of intelligent men and women who are being held back in their jobs and social lives, often without knowing it, because they cannot express themselves fully and easily.

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

If people are not impressed by the way you speak and write—and if you're honest enough with yourself to admit it—you have already taken the first big step to success.

HERE'S WHAT TO DO

You can master good English *without going back to school*. Over the years I have helped thousands of men and women *right in their own homes*.

I can help you, too, if you will give 15 minutes a day to the C. I. Method. My answers to the following questions explain why you need a command of good English and how easily you can do something about getting ahead.

Question: *What is so important about my ability to speak and write?*

Answer: People judge you by the way you speak and write, both in business and in social life.

Question: *What does a "command of good English" mean?*

Answer: It means you can express yourself clearly and easily without fear of embarrassment or making mistakes.

Question: *Are there other advantages to be gained by acquiring a command of good English?*

Answer: Yes! Words are actually "tools of thought." The more you learn about words and how to use them to form and express your ideas, the better your thinking becomes.

Question: *Wouldn't I have to go back to school for a command of good English?*

Answer: No, not any more. You can gain the ability to speak and write like a college graduate right in your own home in only 15 minutes each day.

Question: *How do I know your method works?*

Answer: There are thousands of letters in my files, testimonials from people in all walks of life who have used the proved Career Institute Method to achieve amazing results. If you send in the coupon below, I will share some of these letters with you.

Question: *How can I find out more about the Career Institute Method?*

Answer: I will gladly mail a free 32-page booklet to you. Just mail Coupon or send a postcard to: Don Bolander, Dept. 208-42, 555 E. Lange St., Mundelein, Ill. 60060.

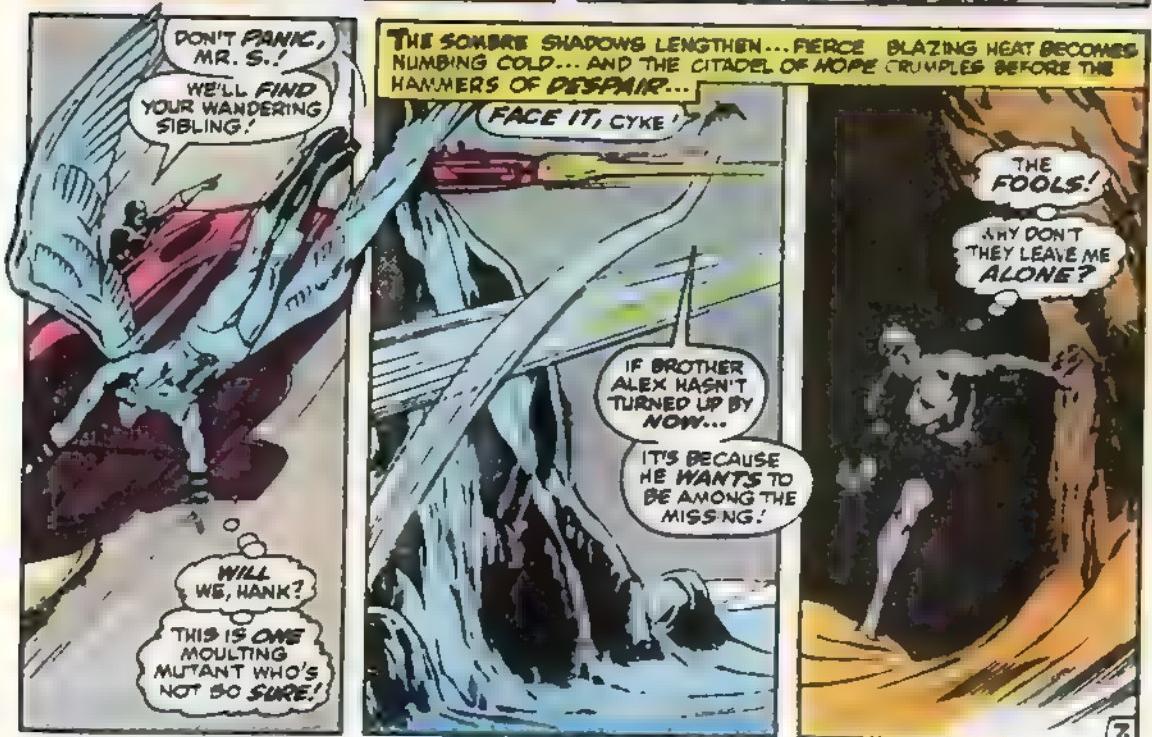
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555 E. Lange St., Mundelein, Illinois 60060**

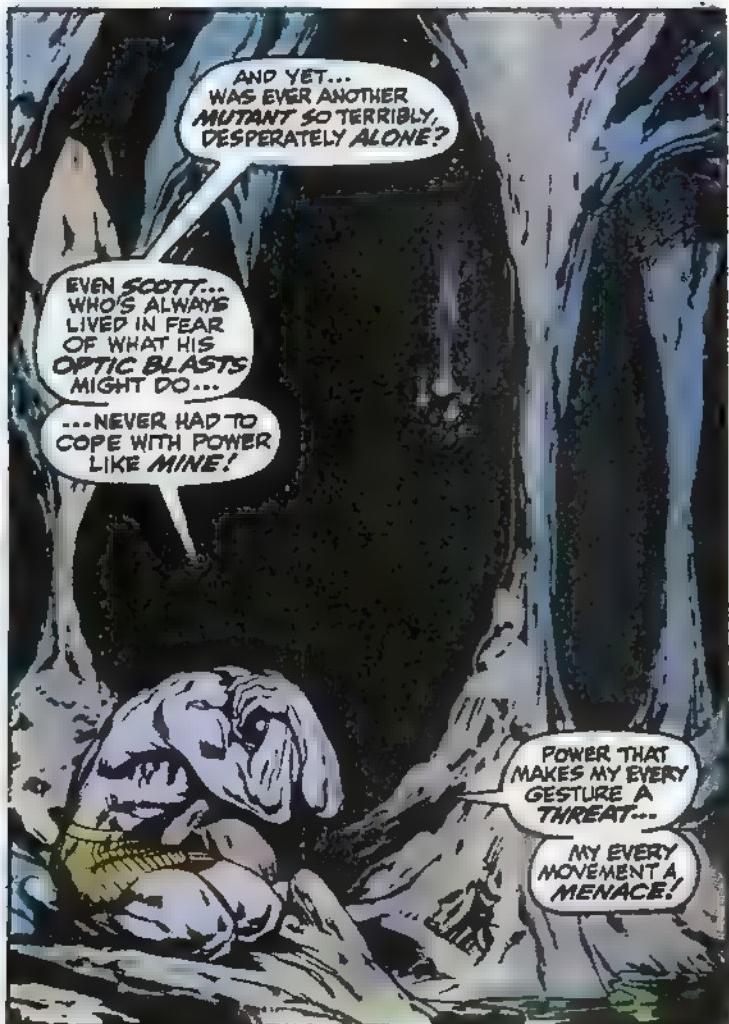
Please mail me a free copy of your 32-page booklet, "How to Gain a Command of Good English."

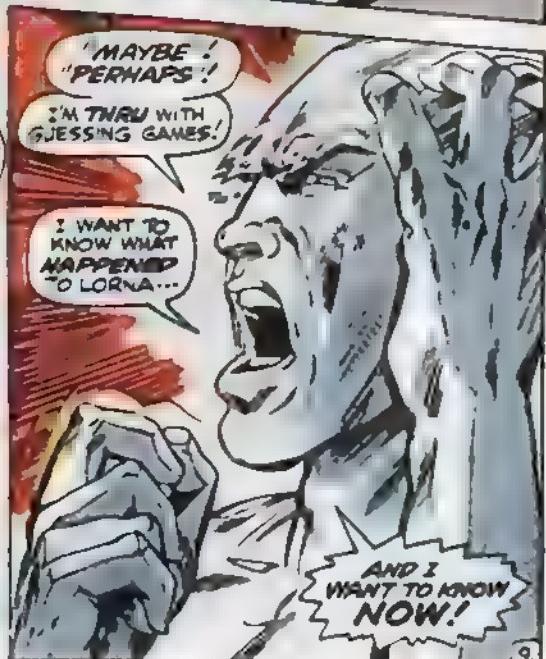
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EVERY TIME
YOU TWIST

THE TWISTER...

IT CAN PUT MONEY IN YOUR POCKET!

EARN \$50-\$100-\$200 A WEEK
WITH AMERICA'S NEWEST

AND WILDEST
BODYBUILDING IDEA!

PROVED EFFECTIVE
BY CHAMPION ATHLETES
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The 007 POWER TWISTER!

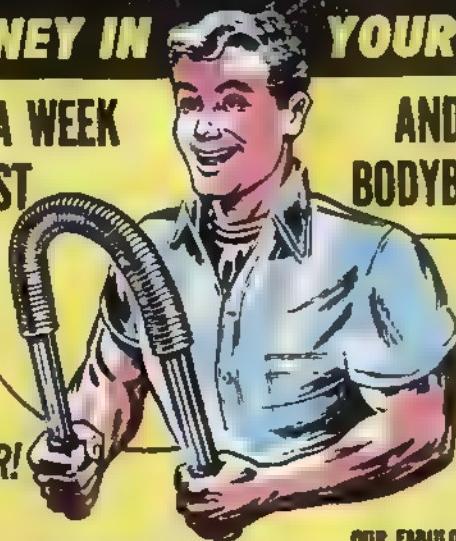
USE IT — SHOW IT — DEMONSTRATE IT
— AND LINE YOUR POCKET WITH
INSTANT CASH!

The "007" POWER TWISTER is the most sensational exerciser to come along in years. It builds powerful arms, chest and shoulders more quickly than you can imagine — it's the FUN muscle builder that has taken the country by storm! Needs no adjustment of any kind — No fuss — Use it just as it comes out of the package.

Be the first to get in on this big profit-maker NOW! Use it yourself to pack your body with muscle and power — let your family use it, too. Sold by the hundreds of thousands, it's the greatest single exerciser ever invented — and now the greatest money-maker!

CASH IN ON THE BIG PHYSICAL
FITNESS BOOM NOW!

Never before have people of all ages become as physical-fitness conscious as they are today. They want to look better, feel better and stronger . . . have the vitality and youth that makes life worth living. The "007" TWISTER will help them. Just a few minutes with



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PROVEN
MONEY-
MAKER!

the TWISTER every day will improve your strength, health, shape and muscular development.

Here's your golden opportunity to get in on something really big! You take orders for the TWISTER in your spare time and make more money than you could possibly make with any other sales plan.

YOUR PROSPECTS ARE EVERYWHERE!

You don't have to go "digging" for prospects to sell the TWISTER; you'll find them everywhere because everyone wants to be physically fit. Your friends, relatives, local businessmen, schools, athletic clubs and all who know you will want the TWISTER for themselves. You show them how it easily packs inches of healthy muscle on arms, chest, shoulders and back.

START NOW AND GROW INTO A BIG MONEY BUSINESS OF YOUR OWN!

Just a couple of hours after school or work is all you need to start making good money selling the TWISTER. Then you can qualify for —

OUR FABULOUS "MILLION DOLLAR"
PYRAMID PLAN WHICH MAY EVEN
MAKE YOU RICH!

This amazing plan is designed so that you'll double, triple and quadruple your earnings in an unbelievably short time—

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT! The complete plan is given to you in detail in the FREE sales course you get with your TWISTER Demonstrator kit.

YOU STOCK NO MERCHANDISE — YOU
GET YOUR CASH "RIGHT ON-THE-SPOT"!

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YOU ARE BACKED UP WITH NATIONAL ADVERTISING AND PUBLICITY!

We've pre-sold the TWISTER for you through our full page ads in national magazines read by millions. It's up to you to get out there and get the orders that are waiting for you!

ORDER YOUR MONEY-MAKING TWISTER NOW & GET YOUR

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DO IT NOW!



SALES
KIT
FREE!

MAIL TODAY! ▶

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Union City, N.J. 07087

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Santa Monica, Calif. 90006

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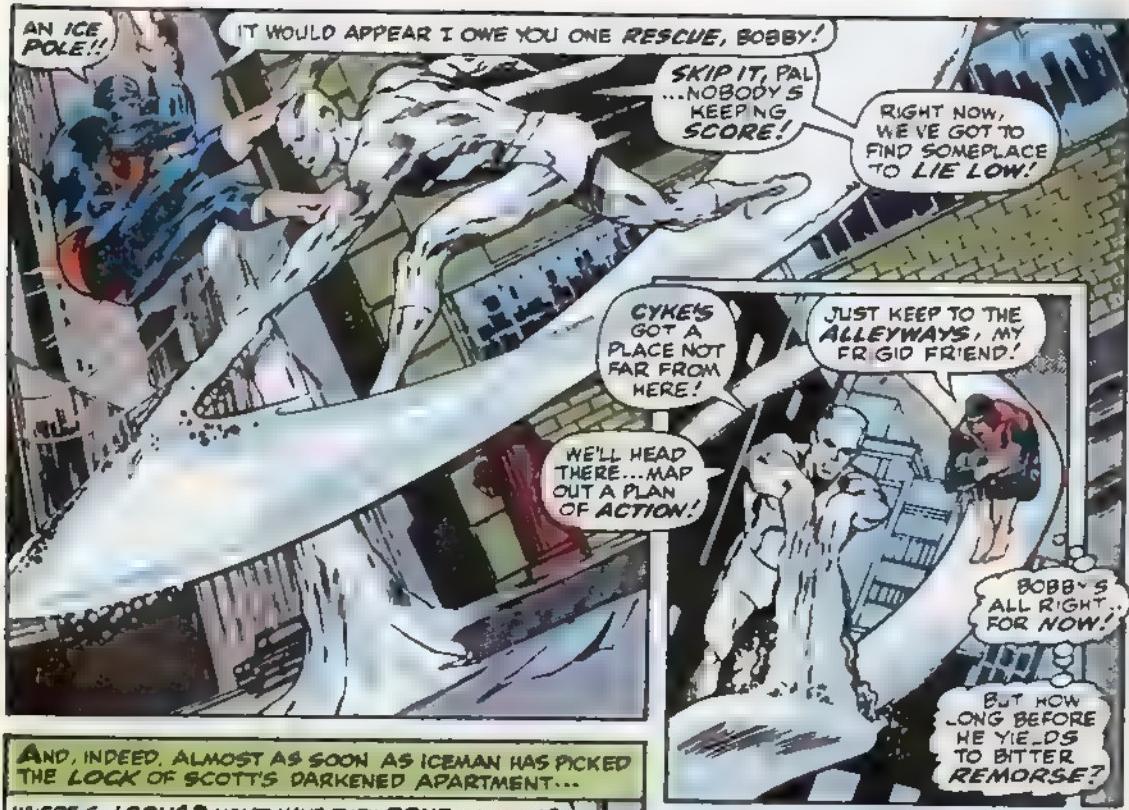
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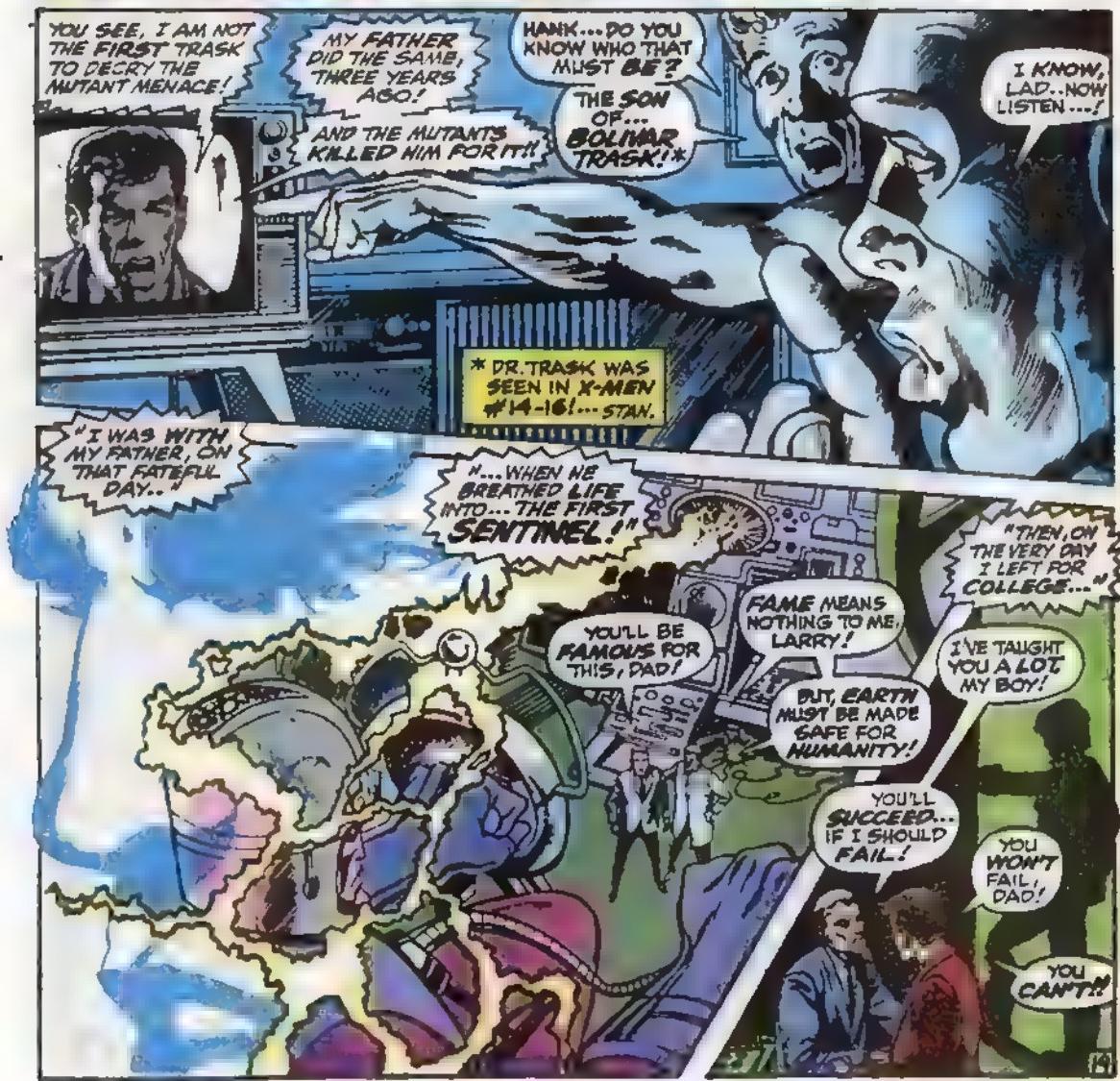




AND, INDEED, ALMOST AS SOON AS ICEMAN HAS PICKED THE LOCK OF SCOTT'S DARKENED APARTMENT...

WHERE'S LORNA? WHAT HAVE THEY DONE WITH HER?





...BUT HE
DID FAIL...

THANKS TO
MUTANT
TREACHERY!!!

I NEVER
SAW MY
FATHER
AGAIN...AT
LEAST, NOT
ALIVE!

"AND, AS I STOOD
OVER HIS BODY, CRUSHED
BY A FALLEN SENTINEL..."

"I VOWED TO
CARRY ON THE
FIGHT AGAINST THE
MERCILESS X-MEN
AND THEIR ILK..."

"THE VERY MONSTERS
WHO HAD SLAIN
HIM!"

HE'S GOT IT
ALL WRONG,
HANK!

IT WAS THE
SENTINELS WHO
TURNED ON TRASK
...NOT THE X-MEN!

MEN BELIEVE
...WHAT THEY
WANT TO
BELIEVE. BOBBY!

BUT, TIME HAS
RUN OUT FOR THOSE
MURDEROUS
FREAKS!

FOR, MY
FATHER
TAUGHT ME
MUCH
BEFORE
HE DIED...

SO MUCH THAT I
CAN STAND BEFORE
YOU TODAY, AND
PROCLAIM...

THE
SENTINELS
LIVE!!

"...I'VE
SPENT
YEARS
COLLECTING
EVIDENCE..."

"TO DOCUMENT
OUR CASE AGAINST
THE MUTANTS!"

"ONLY HOURS
AGO, THEY
ATTACKED
AUTHORITIES
ON THE BANKS
OF THE NILE!"

NEXT

BUT--WILL THE
X-MEN??

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ENJOY AN EXCITING, ROMANTIC, IMPRESSIVE LOOK ANYTIME!

HAVE THE LOOK MEN ENVY, AND WOMEN
ADMIRE WHENEVER YOU CHOOSE!

Now at last you can have the experience of wearing Sideburns, mustache, or Van Dyke that is so real looking your friends will think it is your very own! Compete on tough . . . want to impress your employer or girl friend . . . want to look older or younger or different . . . cool or sharp?? Do you miss the attention you should be getting?? Try a Masculiner Van Dyke, Sideburns and/or Mustache . . . all three, separately or in different combinations . . . and see the amazing difference . . . in your NEW LOOK you can have in seconds! Don't miss out on all the fun that so easily can be yours! Send for your Mustache, Sideburns and Van Dyke at once! Simply check the color you want in the coupon or send a sample of your hair and leave the matching to our expert. Your hair sample is color matched at no extra cost . . . or order in the color you choose. MAIL COUPON NOW!

Adheres securely . . . off and on in seconds . . . can be worn as is or trimmed to just the style you want . . . wear it confidently whenever you can have the LOOK you want for yourself!!

FREE: Complete instructions on how best to wear your Van Dyke, Mustache or Sideburns . . . sent in plain wrapper with order.

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ALL THREE \$6

Wear All Three or Any Combination

VAN DYKE \$3

Try it alone or with
any combination.

MUSTACHE \$2

Try it alone or with
the other.

SIDEBURNS \$3

Try it alone or with
either Van Dyke,
mustache or both.



MUSTACHE \$2

SIDEBURNS \$3

MAIL COUPON NOW!

MASCULINER CO., Dept. 97, P.O. Box 802
160 Amherst St., East Orange, New Jersey

O.K. I WANT TO SEE THE MANY DIFFERENT CHANGES IN MY APPEARANCE. SEND THE ONES CHECKED ON A MONEY BACK GUARANTEE. PAYMENT IS ENCLOSED. I MUST BE 100% SATISFIED OR I MAY RETURN EVERYTHING FOR FULL REFUND. SEND COLOR CHECKED OR PLEASE MATCH SAMPLE OF MY HAIR ENCLOSED.

Rush the Following: Please Send Order in Color Checked:
 Mustache \$2. Blonde Dark Brown
 Van Dyke \$3. Black Grey - Silver
 Sideburns \$3. Light Brown Dark Auburn
 Medium Brown Light Auburn
 I enclose \$6, send all 3 (I save \$2) cash, check or money order.

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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MAKE
PROFIT
on every
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the popular publication in 1,200,000 homes

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PRIZES
LIKE THIS
TOO

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Send my first bundle of papers, selling helps and price offers.

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In Case of _____

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Post Office _____ State _____

Zip Code No. _____

Print Your
Last Name
Plainly Here

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--



If You Are a Boy 12
Years Old or Older

MAIL
THIS
TODAY

In an Envelope
Papers sent only
to boys in
Continental U. S.

THE ORIGINS OF THE UNCANNY X-MEN!

The FEMALE of the SPECIES!

PLEASE DON'T BE ALARMED
IF YOU FEEL STRANGELY
COMPELLED TO PAY UNUSUAL
ATTENTION TO THE CONTENTS
OF THE FOLLOWING PAGES!

THE ABILITY TO
INFLUENCE THE DEGREE
OF CONCENTRATION IS
JUST ONE OF MY MANY
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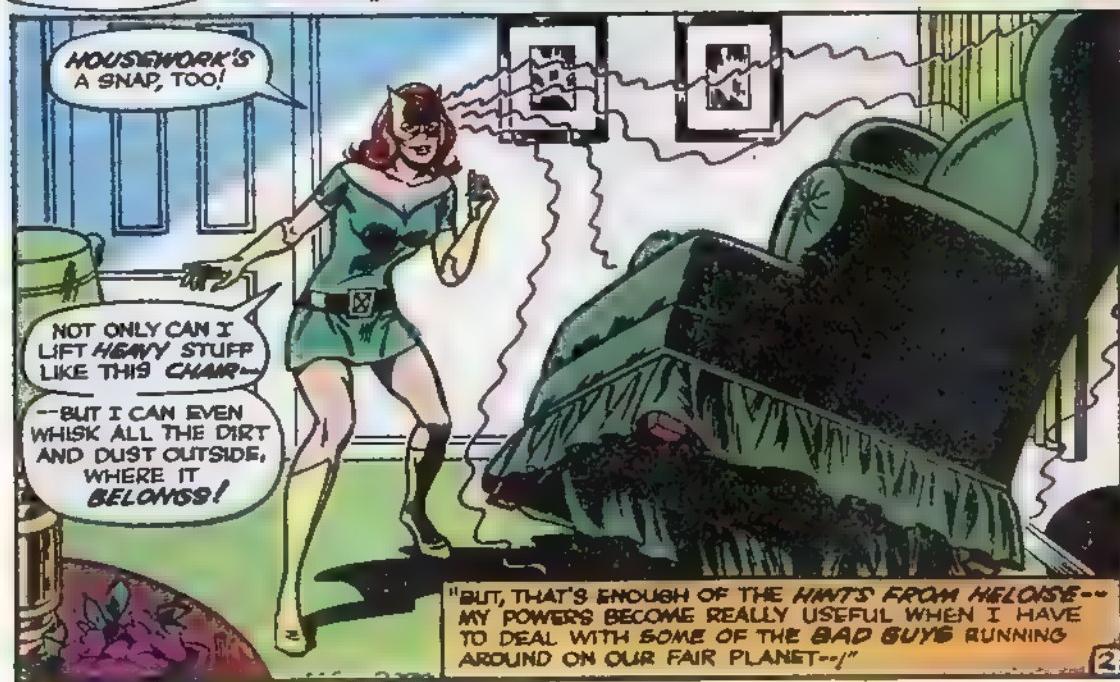
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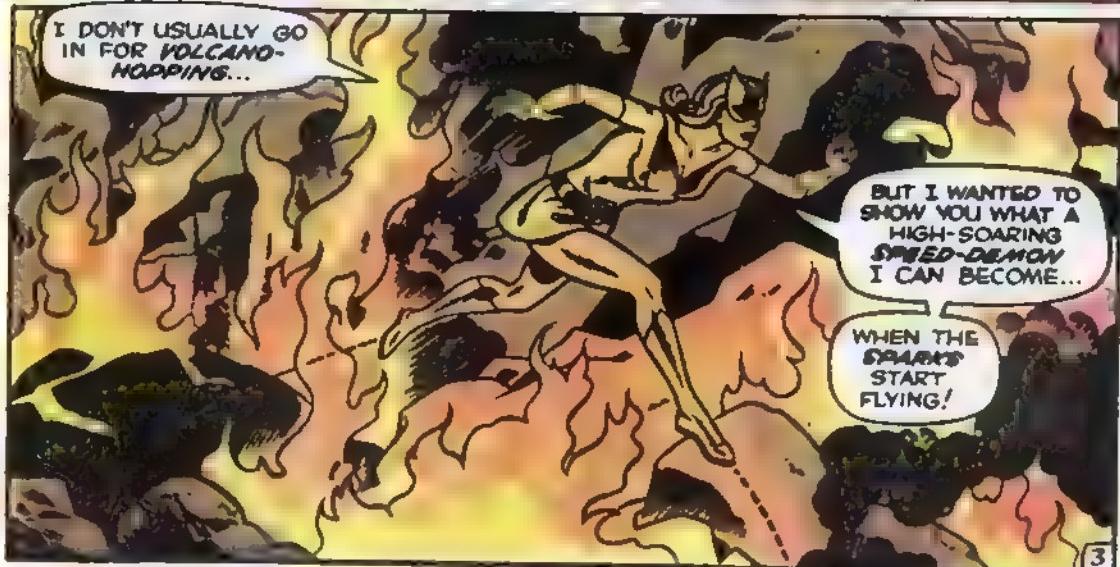
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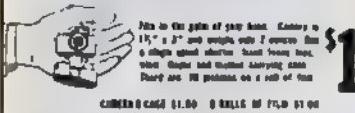
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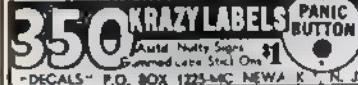
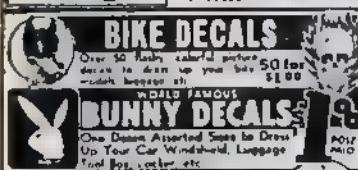
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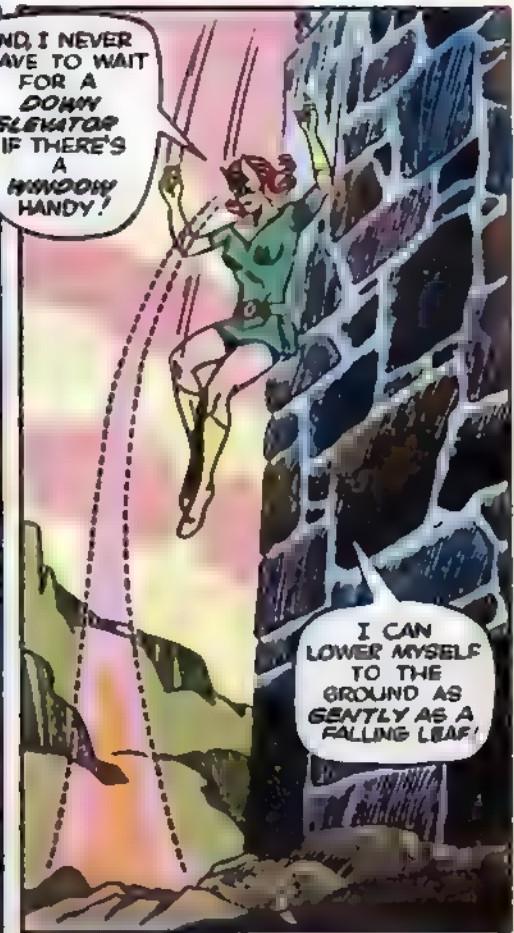
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ITEM Not only has SMILEY been a... & like mad on various cartoon computers but now a couple of our superstars themselves are the subjects of a "free university" class at the University of Santa Clara. California. Team taught by John Carreiro and Mike Friedrich, the course is entitled "The Development of Personality in Spider-Man and Thor" with classes beginning the end of March 1. For those of you who are panting to partake of the newest scholastic sensation! Naturally, we're as pleased as punch - and breathlessly waiting for the Neal seminar to begin in Contemporary Furbushism!

ITEM How about Our Pal SAL BUSCEMA who's been inimitably inkling his big brother JOHN BUSCEMA's artwork these past few months? Not only is he a whiz of an inker, but we just saw some sample pages of his original illustrations - and as soon as he rents himself a pencil or two, it looks as though Big John is gonna have more competition than he bargained for! Although S. J. probably isn't worrying a that much - he's too busy teaching the rest of his family to draw!

ITEM Speaking of the Buscema brood didja know that the Silver Surfer is an unquestionably the hit of the year? Starting with the very first sh, it's hit the top of the best-seller lists and it looks like it's there to stay. All of that must prove something like for instance it's really a cinch to turn out a great comic magazine - all you need are sensational stories, fantastic artwork, superb characterization, and zippy plots - not to mention the most daringly dramatic concept in years! See? It's a breeze! Anyone can do it!

ITEM Leave us shed a tear or two for Jazzy JOHNNY ROMITA He's one of the few light-hearted luminaries who spends more time drawing here in the Bulletpoint than at home - so every time we need a rush cover a fast art correction or some help for a less experienced pencil pusher we turn to ol' Ring A Ding. Then after leading him down with all those extra chores we berate him for being late with his Spidey deadlines! Now do you see why he relates to the Web-Spinner and all his hang-ups?

ITEM It suddenly occurred to us to take a totally useless survey of how many of our Bul pen bigwigs are sporting beards these days. When we got thru counting we realized that almost a cool ten percent are buzz faces. Wanna know who? We thought you'd never ask! So now before they can rush in a razor here they are - Smilin' STAN LEE, Rascally ROY THOMAS, Jun. by JOHN VERHOORTEN, JIM MADMAN, MOONEY, Awesome ARNIE DRAKE, Neferous NEAL ADAMS, and Stewart STAN G. Groovy GARY FRIEDRICH and Jaunty JIM STERANKO used to sport some facial shrubbery themselves, but they're now almost aggressively clean-shaven. Think they're trying to tell us something?

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STAN'S SOAPBOX

Over the past months, many readers have written to complain about not being given advance notice when any Marvel madmen are to be interviewed on radio or TV - and hence having to miss the great event. This seems as good a time as any to explain that it's virtually impossible to clue you in in time because we ourselves receive only a few days' notice before any such appearances - and by that time the mags in which such notices should appear are already printed and possibly even on sale. (You may remember our telling you in the past that our little masterworks are sent to the printer months before they appear on the newsstands.) But be of good faith, one and all: If ever we figure out how to bridge the seemingly insurmountable time-lapse gap, we'll make sure that you have the same chance to be bored with our oratory as the rest of the Bulletpoint. Till then - Vale Atque Ave y'all!

Smilie

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Dear Stan and Gary,

In issue #47, Gene Wallace wrote in complaining that Jack o' Diamonds could not be a Mutant since he was not born with his powers. You replied that one does not need to be born with special powers to be a Mutant. This agrees with the definition which I've heard — to wit: "A change in mind or body which breeds true to form." It says nothing about being born with changed abilities, so if Jack o' Diamonds had kids who could also become diamond (terrible thought!) he would be a Mutant.

But this brings up a problem. In real life, people are always being electrocuted, blown up, doused with chemicals, and hit by radiation. They may be injured or killed, but none of them develop super-powers. The standard comic book explanation is "a million-to-one chance", but when you have dozens of heroes and hundreds of villains running around with super-powers, this idea looks pretty weak. I have worked out a theory which seems to explain the comic-book world's huge number of super-types.

Inheritable traits come in two sort, Dominant and Recessive. Only one parent need have a dominant trait for their child to inherit it, but a recessive must be possessed by both parents.

Let's suppose that many hundreds of years ago a recessive mutation took place in some person, who would pass it on to lots of his descendants. Eventually, two of these descendants would marry, and since they both possessed the gene, their children would be what I call Potential Mutants — people whose cells in an emergency were capable of absorbing lethal forces and adapting to them. Since the genes would be as adaptable as the other cells, their children would inherit their powers making them mutants. Mutants would be rare until the 20th century, when science began to release powerful forces on a large scale.

So to sum up, we have:

1. Homo sapiens — who may carry recessive genes which if paired with another such gene will result in the birth of . . .

2. Potential Mutant — an ordinary human whose cells have a super-adaptability to an emergency to absorb outside forces and become . . .

3. Accidental Mutant — (Fantastic Four, Electro) a person born normal who gains permanent super-powers through an accidental occurrence, and can pass them on to his or her descendants. Not to be confused with a . . .

4. Pure Mutant — (X-Men, Magneto, Factor Threat) the offspring of Homo Sapiens carrying P.M. genes modified by radiation or other factors so that the child is born with mutant powers. (Note these powers may be dormant and unrealized even by the possessor until activated by some shock.)

5. Artificial Mutants — (Inhumans) the results of deliberate alteration of the genetic code by humans, resulting in a pure mutant of pre-known abilities.

6. Second Generation Mutants — (Child of Reed and Sue Richards?) offspring of 1., 2., and 3.

The remainder of the super-beings fall into five other categories.

7. Homo Sapiens Plus — who gain artificial powers which their children cannot inherit.

8. Cyborgs.

9. Aliens.

10. Lost Races.

11. Supernatural (Magic) Types.

Edward Lynn, 38 Finella Place, Dundee Angus, Scotland, Great Britain

Thanks for the laudable listing, Edward, but our befuddled Bullpenners just want to know under which category they fit! (After all, you've obviously gotta be some kind of Mutant to put in the kind of long hours they do — at least, to hear them tell it!)

Dear Stan, and Assorted Producers of X-MEN,

Bravo to Ted Stiles of Burbank, California, who in X-MEN #31 offered the most logical explanation to date concerning the abilities of the Human Torch and Iceman! "Now," he asks, "how can a being of pure fire or ice move, talk or think?" If I may just fill in this end of his explanations:

One of the most plausible theories concerning the workings of the human body is a combination of the Vitalists' and Mechanists' philosophies. The body consists of a physical form, capable of carrying out certain life processes, which is dominated and controlled by the brain and a non-physical life force, or psyche, dominated by a mental force, the mind. All life has the psyche in common, and in its absence, death results. Only man has a fully developed mind (the basis of Aristotle's RATIONAL PSYCHE) which, besides directing the function of the brain, gives him the ability to think, reason, and create. When we say somebody has "lost his mind", we mean he has lost his ability to reason.

At any rate, the non-physical psyche and mind are capable of occupying any form; the body and brain comprise only one. If they were contained within a body of fire or ice, that body would be able to live and think. Its motion could be directed by the energy of the mind, and speech would be made possible by energy vibrations on various frequencies, energy emitted from the life forces. The result, of course, is one Human Torch and one Iceman. Both are capable of converting the molecules of the air to fire or ice by the same manner in which their mutant abilities enable them to convert the molecules of their bodies to these forms. Hence, their powers.

I hope this letter has provided some enlightenment on a major issue.

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Dear Stan and Co.,

As a premiere of the Smith/Dee art team, X-MEN #53 was less than spectacular. My first impression was that Jack Kirby drew it after several days on methedrine.

Because of the time lapse between your publishing date and the time the mag goes on sale, this letter will probably be of little use. Nevertheless, there are a few specific criticisms I have to get off my chest.

1. Smith is obviously a close student of Kirby. This, in itself, is good because no one draws the super-human body like the King. The difference is in Smith's backgrounds (of which there is very little). He magnifies the characters and neglects the setting, which is a very important part of the total effect. The only real background was in the first panel of page 2. It was fantastic, and it was proof that he should concentrate more on that sort of thing.

2. The use of black ink blots (to denote escaping energy) was overused. Kirby carefully paces the use of this technique, thereby making it an effective dramatic tool.

3. Except for Blastaar (who was drawn extremely well) the characters' faces were rather expressionless. It is the varied range of emotional make-ups that has made the X-Men seem like individuals rather than assembly-line products.

4. Now for a few good points. For the first time in over fifty issues, someone has drawn Jean Grey to look like a real woman (page 3). The way the Angel's wings keep changing shape (like those of a real bird) is quite an inventive touch. And finally, Smith's fight scenes aren't half bad. I'll even forgive his ineptness in trying to approximate Kirby's machinery.

Despite the flaws I mentioned earlier, Barry Smith is an artist with promise. And that's what Marvel is all about: growth and a continual striving to be the best, whatever your bag happens to be.

I'll be looking forward to future issues.

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The more so now that nefarious Neal Adams is doing the artwork chores, in all probability.

However, a few words of explanation may help you somewhat to understand why you felt Barry's art didn't measure up to X-MEN standards . . . and, incidentally, why his art that will soon be gracing the pages of THE AVENGERS may grab you where you live!

Barry came to this country from England last summer, bringing nothing with him from London except his drawing pencil and a head full of ideas. He did that X-MEN-ish on his own as a sample, not knowing just what the current developments in the series were . . . or even if it would ever be used. However, Stan and the rest of the Bullpen saw such promise in the talented young Britisher that they purchased the artwork — and proceeded to keep him busy on other efforts. Unfortunately, during his recent stint on DAREDEVIL, he was living in a small hotel room with inadequate lighting and drawing facilities, and was thus hampered from doing his best work . . . although many Marvelites wrote in to tell us that his Daredevil was the best yet!

Now, however, bashful Barry is back in England (a bit unwillingly, since his visa ran out) for the nonce, and has full access to his own regular equipment and drawing desk. The results — which you'll start seeing in AVENGERS #66 — will no doubt move and shake you as much as they did us when they arrived by trans-Atlantic mail!

Dear Stan and the Gang,

I just picked up the latest X-MEN #53 at our local PX without a glance at the cover or contents, since the artwork in this mag is usually superb (understatement). In fact, it was the artwork and excellent writing in Marvel Comics

that pulled me away from another brand which shall remain nameless. I don't know what happened to the regular artist, but whoever the replacement is is not up to your usually high standards. Please bring back your original artist. 'Nuff said on that!

To answer Mark Gruenwald's comments on the flight powers of the Angels: It's obvious that Angel's wings are aerodynamically impossible, that scientific analysis will prove that he can't fly. Also, birds steer by use of tail feathers, and the Angel has none. Therefore, he can't steer or maneuver; right? Not so! Science has also proven that a bumblebee can't fly because it's aerodynamically impossible, nor does he have tail feathers to steer — yet the fact remains, bumblebees fly and steer, probably because no one ever told them that they were impossible. At any rate, who says that the Angel has the wings of a bird? As far as I can see, his wings only look like birds' wings. In reality, the material they are made of may be actually the lighter insect wing material. It might just look like feathers. This explanation would also make easier to understand how the Angel can conceal his wings under clothing so easily. No harness made could conceal birds' wings without some bulge, but insect wings would fold and conform almost perfectly flat without a harness. They would also be easier for his muscles to move. Another point! Mark states that his wings couldn't support his weight. To my knowledge, no mention has ever been made of the Angel's real weight. He could be a common, everyday 83-pound muscleman with hollow bones!

In all, I would say that yours are the finest comic mags on the market, without qualification. Keep up the outstanding work and Make Mine Marvell!

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Dear Stan, Arnold, Don, and Werner,

I have just finished reading X-MEN #52 and I only have two words for you — sheer genius! This story is one of the best you've printed. Cyclops' portrayal of Erik the Red was excellent, and I would like to thank you for finally increasing his power. (I refer to the power blasts hurled from his fingertips, pg. 2). It's about time Cyke began to mature (powerwise, that is) and gain control of his mutant power. It was the only gripe I had concerning X-MEN, and now it's gone. So, I guess that makes X-MEN perfect in my book. The origins were great, and I can't wait to see the Angel's. One more thing, don't make Bobby's gorgeous girl-friend a member of the X-MEN. She's too powerful!

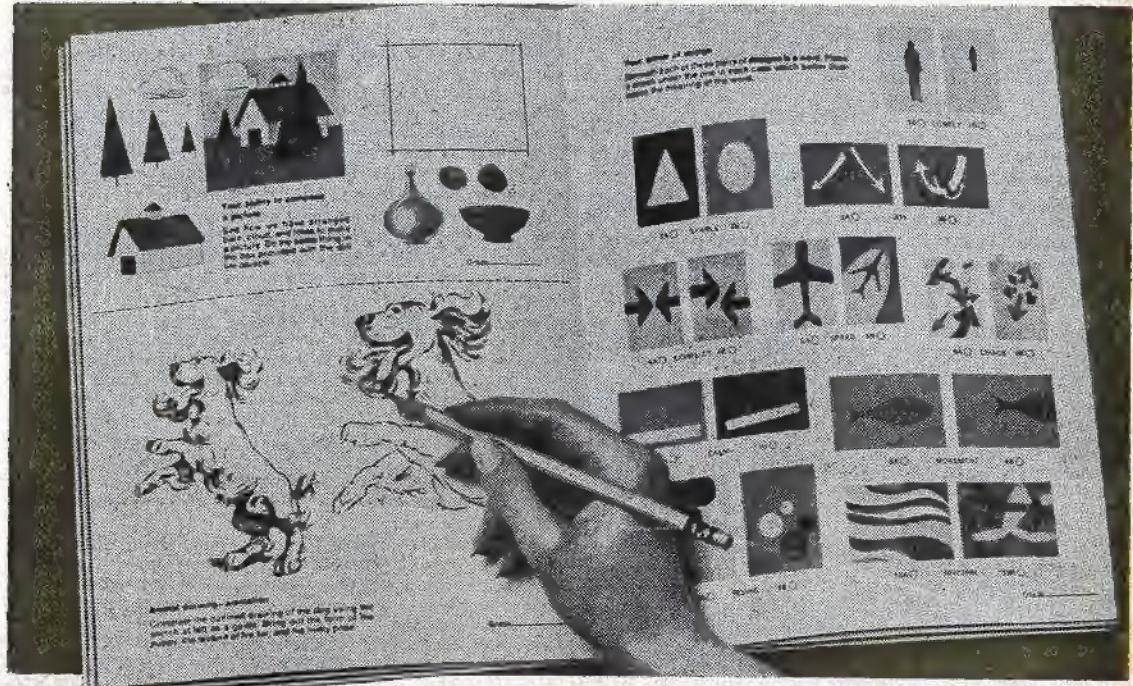
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Kenny boy, the new (we hope) permanent team of Roy Thomas and Neal Adams has plans for our merry mutants that even you can scarcely suspect! As for the luscious Lorna Dane, you'll notice that she's made an overdue appearance this ish (for two panels, at least) . . . but not as an X-Man! (In fact, not even as an X-Lady!)

As to the frantic future, we'll have to remain mum on that for a while, but with a cast like the X-Men, Lorna, amazing Alex Summers, the mysterious Moholith, and now the mutant-baiting team of Judge Chalmers and young Larry Trask — plus the return next ish of some misunderstood mutants you haven't seen in many an epic — well, let's just say that happy days are here again for X-Men enthusiasts, and let it go at that!



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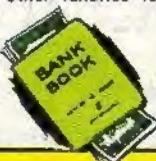


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